

THE SLAVE GIRL AND PRISON

Acts 16: 19-40

Acts 16:19 When Satan attacks he uses

1. _____ – Demon-possessed girl.
2. _____ – Hostile men

_____ times Gentiles wage attack on church (Ephesus and Philippi).

Motivation. Money!

Acts 16:21 Best way to surface hypocrisy is to expose evil actions.

Common thread--all of a sudden become great law abiding citizens.

Inner prison: Maximum security ward. Feet placed in stocks and stocks locked *and made their feet fast in the stocks.* Cause great pain in _____. Horrendous cramping.

Jailer knew that if prisoner escaped--his _____ at risk.

Acts 16:25 Payer and praise are not dependent upon _____. Phil 4:4 1 Thess. 5:16-18 Rom 8:28 2 Cor. 4:15-18 2 Cor. 12:8-10 Phil 4:6-7 Mat 6:25-34. John 14:27 John 16:33 Psa 6:9 Psa 30: Psa 142:1 Acts 1:14 Eph 6:18

God wants us to learn to go through various trials and crisis situations with an attitude of _____ and prayer. Psa 26:6-7 Psa 30:4 Psa 92:1 Psa 95:2 Psa 100:4 Psa 140:13

The jail didn't cause Paul and Silas to pray and praise. It simply _____ prayer and praise!

Acts 16:28-29 *Called for a light:*

- _____ .
- _____ .

Why immediate response?

- Had heard _____ from Paul and Silas
- Had observed their life message
- God's _____ demonstrated
- God created a need.

Sprang in: ran in...jumped in...leaped in

Trembling: _____ .

And fell down before Paul and Silas: prostrate... on _____

Acts 16:30 *Sirs: kurios* – master, authorities, Term of respect.

What must I do to be saved?

SO WHAT?

Interesting that only two times in the book of Acts do we find the Gentiles waging an attack on the church (Ephesus and Philippi). Both times there is a common link in their motivation. Money!

The best way to surface a person's hypocrisy is by exposing his evil actions.

- A common thread among these types of people: they all of a sudden become great law abiding citizens. All of sudden they become great Christians with a passion for everyone else to follow the rules.

This accusation of being unlawful is not isolated to this passage. It is true around the world today! _____ all over the world who are spreading the gospel are very much aware of this accusation.

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

prayer and praise are not dependent upon circumstances.

Why do Christians rejoice? Because of the promises of God. They know that a sovereign God in control of the events of life. They know that "*all things work together for good to them that love God....Rom 8:28.*"

Process God takes us through in witnessing to the lost:

1. _____
2. Obedience
3. Fruit
4. Salvation of "_____ cases."
5. People upset
6. _____
7. Prayer and praise... look for an opportunity
8. God creates a need.
9. Availability
10. Salvation
11. More _____